

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2**Complete If Known**

Application Number	10/079,605
Filing Date	02/21/ 2002
First Named Inventor	Thomas KEAST
Art Unit	3739
Examiner Name	A. Roane
Attorney Docket Number	43571200321

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (If Known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
A.R.	1	US- 4,836,281	06/26/90	Stasz	
	2	US- 5,334,183	08/02/94	Wuchinich	
	3	US- 5,454,809	10/03/95	Janssen	
	4	US- 5,588,432	12/31/96	Crowley	
	5	US- 5,736,642	04/07/98	Yost et al.	
	6	US- 5,971,980	10/26/99	Sherman	
	7	US- 6,004,269	12/21/99	Crowley, et al.	
	8	US- 6,117,101	09/12/00	Diederich et al.	
	9	US- 6,165,127	12/26/00	Crowley	
	10	US- 6,245,020	06/12/01	Moore et al.	
	11	US- 6,394,956	05/28/02	Chandrasekaran et al	
	12	US- 6,514,249	04/02/03	Maguire	
	13	US- 6,629,951	10/07/03	Laufer et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ¹ Number ¹ Kind Code ² (If Known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ³
	</					

Examiner Signature	<i>Aaron Roane</i>	Date Considered	6/3/2004
--------------------	--------------------	-----------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 808. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

